



## MIDDIES FACE BIG TEST IN GAME SATURDAY WITH NORTH CAROLINA STATE

ANNAPOLIS, Sept. 28.—Naval Academy will inaugurate its most ambitious football season next Saturday when it meets North Carolina State, a regular opponent for several seasons. The game will be of special interest as North Carolina managed to win last season, catching the midshipmen with a weak line, due to the absence of a number of its regulars who had visited Antwerp as members of the Olympic crew and track team. Previous games had resulted in easy victories for the midshipmen, and the result next Saturday will give some indication as to whether the Navy team is as strong as usual.

The feeling prevails in naval circles that prospects for the season are excellent. There are eight of last year's regulars, many fine substitutes and second-year men, and the new class yielded more than the usual crop of promising youths. Losses through unexpected deficiencies in studies, which nearly wrecked the team last season, have not affected the squad as all this year, so that conditions are far more favorable than at the opening of last season.

**Practiced On Cruise.**  
The pre-season practice has also been satisfactory. The old players, about forty in number, were nearly all kept on the same ship during the summer cruise, and there were several opportunities for practice while on the other side. There were several days ashore at Christiania, and a longer period at Gibraltar, where the grounds of the British officers' cricket club were put at their disposal. As there was nothing like the Olympic games to delay the return of the athletes, the practice was more satisfactory in every way than that of last season.

The selection for the team which will open against North Carolina State is practically a certainty in most cases, barring accidents. Larson, captain of the team, and a veteran center, will be at that position, of course. He is a reliable passer, and one of the best defensive centers in the game, playing well back of his position as a rule. The other veterans in the line are King and Bolles, at the tackles, and Parr, at left end. King has been a regular for three seasons, while Bolles and Parr made the varsity for the first time last season.

**Both Guards New.**  
Both guard positions will be filled by new men this year, the regulars, Moore and Wilkie, having graduated. Frayley has been playing at right guard, and has every chance of being the final selection. He is a very powerful fellow, having been a substitute for three seasons. He is now weighing much over 180 pounds, but is taking on weight, and will probably go to 200. F. Carney, a mighty youth of four inches over six feet, and 205 pounds, has a slight advantage on the other side of the line, but his hold is by no means firm as yet. Winkler, a substitute of last year, played at left guard, and is a swiftness, are the best runners-up for the place.

Titus and Taylor are fighting it out for right end, and both will be given a chance against North Carolina. The practice has been increasing his speed and stamina by playing on the fastest team, Taylor has always played in the backfield. He has great speed and unusual strength and seems to be doing better at end than behind the line. He has made a very good impression during the past week. Taylor, DeWitt, and Carney, the latter from the new class, are other end candidates.

**Hard to Choose.**  
Folwell and his assistants are rather embarrassed by the wealth of material behind the line. Conroy, Koehler, Hamilton and McKee, who made up the backfield in the final game last year, are all on the line again, but their places are not clear. Noyes, Rawlings, Barchet, Cullen and O'Regan are also available. All of these are fully up to the standard of the backs of the best college teams. Koehler, who has the most elusive style of running, is probably the most reliable of the Navy backs at this time. His gains are of moderate length and he never breaks through for a great run, but he is one of the most reliable backs in the college game. Conroy, a rangy and speedy youth, is expected to be a really brilliant runner this year, while Noyes, McKee and Barchet have unusual ability as runners and dodgers. Hamilton and Cruise are good punting backs and also particularly strong defensive players. The probable selections to start Saturday's game are Conroy, Koehler, Hamilton or Cruise and McKee or Barchet.

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## GRIDIRON MANAGERS MEET FRIDAY TO ARRANGE GAMES

By R. D. THOMAS.

After chasing hither and yon about the city in search of elusive football teams to play, gridiron managers finally have decided to get together to decide on some method of keeping in touch with one another. A meeting will be held Friday night in The Times sport department, on the twelfth floor of the Munsey building, which every sandlot football manager is requested to attend.

The sole purpose of the meeting is to arrange games. With interest in the sport at keen pitch and an unusually large number of teams ready to play, the peculiar situation exists that few elevens are able to find opponents.

By seeing one another at the meeting the managers can book games then and there. If the meeting results thus successfully, it is suggested that the football leaders arrange to hold meetings regularly on the same night and in the same place. This would facilitate more than any other method, probably, the arranging of contests.

**Finally Finds Opponent.**  
Sandlot football will get under way next Sunday, with only a few teams having been able thus far to secure games. The manager of the Seaman Gunners' School team, of the Navy Yard, virtually covered the city the other day trying to find a team suitable to take on the sailors. He finally hooked up with the Mohawks and the game arranged will be the big attraction to the football fans for next Sunday. The Mohawks went through last season unscathed on but were given a terrific battle by the Seaman Gunners. Both teams are as strong this year as last, and the contest, judging from their rosters.

Both the Mohawks and Gunners have been working diligently lately and should be primed for next Sunday's contest, which will take place on the field at Seventeenth and D streets southeast, on which many a hard football battle has been fought. The Mohawks will hold a scrimmage and lengthy signal drill this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock, and a meeting of the candidates will be held afterward. Irving Deakins is coaching the team and playing tackle.

**Bjorkland At It Again.**  
It is probable the Mohawks will line up as follows: Richards and Durtley, ends; Deakins and Burch, tackles; Clark or Watt and Browning, guards; Hardy, center; Bjorkland, quarterback; Licarione, fullback, and Clarkson and Freidinger, halfbacks.

Harry Bjorkland, the Indians' fast quarterback, was dangerously hurt about the head last year, and it was thought at the time his football days were over. He is now playing a sterling game in scrimmage.

## KNICKERBOCKER CLUBMEN MEET BRENTWOOD TEAM

Knickerbocker Club players will attempt to run their string to seventeen straight on Sunday and on Saturday in games in the Georgetown hollow. The Knicks have hooked up with the Fire Department nine for the Saturday game and with the Brentwood nine for the Sunday engagement.

The trip to Purcellville, Va., has been postponed for awhile pending word from the Virginia team, which the Knicks to assist in raising the Championship League banner.

## Cup Presented.

The fraternity championship loving cup, which was donated by Jack Garrison, manager of the Capitol Theater, was presented last night to the Elks' basketball team at the Capitol. The presentation was made by Dewey Bernard of "Chick-Cluck," and John Blair, captain and manager of the fraternity team was the recipient.

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Zero Le Ducks Isn't a Spider, Even If He Does Think He Could Reside In a Web.

By SKILLET FINN.

(Alias Kirk Miller).

**Z**ERO Le Ducks, modern slave market master, wig-wags the news that he is going to sleep out in the parks. He forgets the squirrels have not yet gathered in their winter food.

One more crack like that and Zero will be devoting his winter appropriately tucked away in the hollow of some giant white oak not an acorn's throw from Lafayette park.

If Le Ducks thinks he can battle a Washington winter without the aid of the customary landlord, let him cross-question a few of us who have been suffering in silence and sneezing in handkerchiefs for the last seven blue moons.

Senior Don Le Ducks forgets that Valley and Washington are in about the same longitude. The last bird who tried to make Franklin Square his home was Franklin's statue. He's still there.

Hardly likely that after Le Ducks' death they would petrify his features, mount him on a ham sandwich and make a marble image out of him. And on the anniversary of his demise people come to place wreaths of celery and poison olive branches at its base.

Even General Coxey had better sense than that and a straightedge placed on the General's dome wouldn't register much either. Coxey led the last army of hungry immigrants to Washington, but housing and working conditions weren't any better than they are now. Nobody loitered long.

No sir. Le Ducks is no spider, even if he does think he could live in a web. He might be able to sustain himself spending his days snapping away at stray flies who happened to enter his parlor, bedroom and bath, but a spider's garage isn't a thing when it comes to wrestling with wind and rain.

That body is cuckoo and should live in a cocoon. And that doesn't mean that he is privileged to pop his head out of the dormer window every half hour on the hour and squawk his tonsils loose from their hinges.

If he wants to reside in a one-piece shed for the rest of his unnatural life, let him make his home in the park a couple of evenings like last, and he'll get his fondest wish—with interest.

## FORDHAM'S CAPTAIN IS WORKING OUT WITH TEAM

NEW YORK, Sept. 28.—Fordham's football stock soared considerably yesterday when Sylvester Fitzpatrick, captain of both last year's and this year's eleven, reported for practice. Fitzpatrick's arrival at this late date is due to the fact that he has been unable to fulfill certain business obligations until a few days ago.

Fitzpatrick is an end, weighing about 170 pounds and measuring close to six feet. He played last year as was of such a high caliber that he easily won a place on the "All-City" eleven. With him on the receiving end a forward pass combination that was second to none in the country was formed. Noonan is lost to this year's team, but there are several backs who look as though they might acceptably fill this vacancy created by his absence.

## By McGurk

## HOLY CROSS MAY ATTRACT MOB FOR HARVARD CONTEST

BOSTON, Sept. 28.—Although this marks but the second week of the 1921 football season a capacity crowd is likely to cram the Harvard Stadium on Saturday when Coach Fisher's very promising Crimson eleven encounters Cleo O'Donnell's Purple array from Holy Cross.

The tremendous increase in football's popularity was indicated on Saturday, when nearly 20,000 attended the opening double-header at Cambridge and proportionately large crowds greeted the opening games on other gridirons and because next Saturday's Stadium battle presents the appearance of a real game rather than the usual early season practice match, it seems reasonable to expect that not only the cement seats of the Harvard horseshoe, but the already erected wooden stands at the open end of the Stadium would be called into service to handle the crowd.

Last year O'Donnell's team lost to Harvard by the small margin of a field goal, and there were many who believed illegal interference by a Harvard player, which, by the way, went unpunished, was the only thing that prevented a Holy Cross touchdown and possible victory.

Because all but four members of that Holy Cross team are again on the Purple squad and the vacated places have been filled by capable freshmen or players who gained valuable experience as substitutes last season, O'Donnell's team seems likely to furnish a battle every bit as stubborn as that of last year.

Harvard, however, will have a decided edge in the matter of weight, and an equally distinct advantage in the kicking department, and by making full use of these assets, adopting a kicking and defensive game until a favorable break develops, Harvard may show to a much better advantage than was the case last year.

The Harvard method of bringing along its team is not one that displays Harvard's true possibilities until much later in the year. Attention to detail work has been, and for some time will continue to be, the keynote of the work at Cambridge. In the case of linemen or the offense, Harvard's shoulder to shoulder charge, with short digging

steps, always develops slowly, for the union rather than the speed of that charge is all important. Later, the speed will come, and then, Oh, boy! Now was the scouting system at Cambridge got down to business as yet. When it does, Oh, boy! and again, Oh, boy!

The club is taken back slowly—not over exaggerated, but it is necessary to remember that the ball is not being hit with the backward swing and that any fast movement is likely to throw one off. The backward swing, therefore, can be deliberate.

There are many ways of starting the club back. Chick Evans has what he calls the press forward which permits the hands to go ahead of the club and then back but this is more from habit. George Duncan is very emphatic about the hands starting the first movement and then the club head. The idea of both of these move-

ments is to get the feel of the club-head immediately.

The clubhead should be taken back in a straight line, but the arms should not be thrown out away from the body. The best thing to remember is that the right elbow should be close to the side all the time.

At first, it will almost touch the side but as the club comes up to a horizontal position over the shoulders an elbow will be four or five inches away. The rest of it will be almost straight at the top of the swing if you are a flat swinger and crooked a little if you are an upright swinger. The wrist of the left hand will be directly underneath the shaft of the club.

The right wrist will be there too, as it is easy to attend to that if the left is there. The club, as I said before, will be in a horizontal position with

player no real good. I have seen players stand over their ball so long that it made it uncomfortable for the others with them, as they realized that shooters behind were being delayed. Some of the best waggles are the rottenest drivers.

We will now presume that the stance has been taken, the club gripped firmly in the fingers, and the ball teed and measured with the club, and that one is ready to start the little pill on its way down the course.

Let us hope that the art of teeing has been learned. Too high a tee is foolish and gets one into bad habits, but for the beginner or the duffer who wants some confidence with the first shot I recommend a tee fairly high.

It is possible to buy a little paper in the golf shop and that is the regulation rubber tee also, but the best golfers find the sand plenty good enough.

The ball must be teed low playing into wind and one can take a little more liberties when the wind comes from behind. It is bad to get into the habit of teeing too high because this will make the shots toward the fairway uncertain. Players who tee high never make good brassie shots as a rule.

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## Getting Distance From the Tee

**I**N describing the drive, there are several things to be taken into consideration. First, there is the waggle which is a peculiarity of nearly every man or woman who handles a golf club and just as much a necessity as any other part of the shot. The manner of wagging the club is so different among even the best golfers that there is no set style to recommend.

There is the long waggle and the short waggle and the waggle that describes a curious lot of movements that mean nothing at all. The average man might go as far as to pronounce the whole thing ridiculous. But there is nothing ridiculous or foolish about it as it is only a preliminary movement where one is gathering his concentration preparatory to hitting the ball. The address also serves the purpose of limbering up the arms, getting accustomed to the grip, and steadying down and preparing for the shot.

I am inclined to believe that to waggle, as we call it, is the most common-place thing we do. Any rotten golfer can become a good waggle in one lesson. Take the man who starts to write a letter for instance. He does not put his pen immediately to the paper, but makes a slight flourish with the pen as a preliminary, and he will do it, too, at the beginning of nearly every sentence.

Watch yourself the next time you write. The baseball player does the same thing in swinging two bats preliminary to stepping up to the plate, and the billiardist the same thing with the cue.

George Duncan has the shortest waggle. Someone said that George hit the ball first and wagged after. He certainly loses no time in making any preliminary movements, and does not lose time in making any preliminary movements, and does not lose time in making any preliminary movements.

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the head pointing in the direction you wish the ball to go.

The toe of the club should be pointing to the ground. If the club is in this position at the top of the swing, the chances are the rest of it will be all right. There is certainly less chance for a failure now, after having done the things described than there would be if one used some other method.

I do not intend to criticize the three-quarter swing, but one must never let the club head fall down lower than a horizontal position. When one does trouble begins right away.

When the club starts back, the knee begins to bend as the weight gradually shifts to the right leg. The knee does not bend in toward the right knee, as some insist, but out toward the ball. The left heel naturally leaves the ground as the knee bends. The pivot is made almost entirely on the right leg.

The head is kept still and the eyes watch the ball over the left shoulder. You are all set now for the downward swing, but I have used so much space in going this far that I will leave the pupil posted in this position until my next article, which will finish the stroke and send the little ball on its way down the course.

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## Peerless Works Out.

The Peerless A. C. football squad will hold its first scrimmage today at 5:15 p. m., at Eighth and L streets northeast. The Peerless is working hard in preparation for their first game, which will be on October 9.

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